

# Portae

THE NEWSLETTER FOR  
JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

12 October 2011

## CATHOLIC LIFE RAFFLE HAS STARTED!!!!

Raffle tickets went home with students on Monday, 10 October along with the informative letter attached to this newsletter. *Please start selling those tickets!*

## 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE VISITS ON-GOING

**St. Monica's and St. James:** Thursday, 13 October 2011

**OLPH:** Tuesday, 18 October 2011

**St. Pius X:** Thursday, 20 October 2011

**Blessed Sacrament:** Wednesday, 26 October 2011

If you are a parent from that school, and can spend time here that morning, that would be great. We receive them as visitors at 8:40 a.m., so that would be a time to be here. Following Mass (9:50) is a time for a reception with cookies and juice, similarly a great time to talk and share. Most of these schools typically bring some parents to tour on their school's day.

## OPEN HOUSE & THE OPEN HOUSE CHALLENGE!

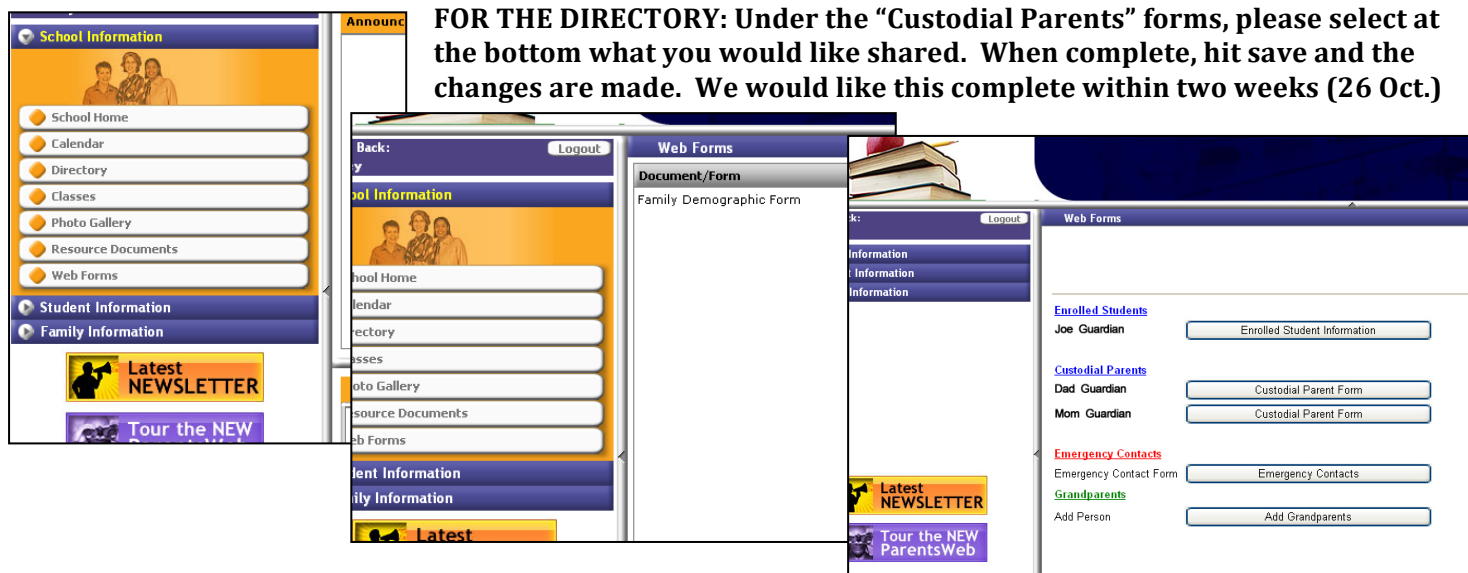
We are running an Open House on Sunday, 23 October 2011, here on campus from 12:30 – 4:00 p.m. We need as many of our students and parents to attend. On the counter in the front is a sign-up sheet.

**Did you hear about the Open House Challenge?** At the Open House, we have all families fill out a registration form, and this year, on that form, we will be asking them, "Who invited you?" We are going to present the top two families with the most 'citations' (a minimum of five) with a \$50 lunch credit. With this incentive, what are we thinking? We are asking parents and families to invite everyone they know, especially families with younger children, co-workers, ACTS friends, parish members, neighbors. The goal, as a community, is to invite more and more people to take a look at John Paul II.

## RENWEB DIRECTORY FUNCTION

Web forms are enabled on RenWeb, and we are tasking families with the maintenance of their contact information and their directory choices. The steps are very simple. Off a parent's log-in into RenWeb, click on "Web Forms," the last item on the "School Information" tab. Then in the right middle screen, click on "Family Demographic Form." Then, five different forms will appear. Click on each and review. If there are no changes, no problem.

**FOR THE DIRECTORY: Under the "Custodial Parents" forms, please select at the bottom what you would like shared. When complete, hit save and the changes are made. We would like this complete within two weeks (26 Oct.)**



## **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

School photos will be taken on Wednesday, 26 October 2011 first thing in the morning when students arrive. Mrs. Pitman will be our photographer and will be able to send home proofs and order forms two weeks later.

## **COLLEGE VISIT - UIW**

University of the Incarnate Word will be on campus on Thursday, 1 December 2011, for juniors during Solidarity time, and at lunch for all students.

## **MASS DAY CHANGES**

To coincide with 8<sup>th</sup> grade visits and due to the PSAT testing, there are some changes to Mass days:

*Thursday, 13 October 2011 (not Wed. that week), 9:15 a.m. here at the school*

*Tuesday, 18 October 2011 (not Wed. that week), 9:15 a.m. here at the school*

*Wednesday, 26 October 2011 - Masses will be back on Wednesdays, 9:15 a.m. here at the school*

## **FOUNDERS WEEKEND – 27, 28, & 29 OCTOBER 2011**

This special event is fast approaching – it is the perfect weekend to invite friends, ACTS team members, relatives, classmates, neighbors...

**Thursday, 27 October – Late Night with John Paul II - Pep Rally/Bonfire – without the fire part** (*burn ban*) – 9 p.m. start! No school the next day – college fair in San Antonio beforehand

**Friday, 28 October – Football game at Steele High School's campus field – 7:30 p.m. kick-off**

*6:15 p.m. – car decorating contest – Round 2.*

**Saturday, 29 October – Chili Cook-off, a morning of family fun**

*10 a.m. Mass – with Fr. Albert Hubertus at St. Joseph's Chapel*

*11 a.m. Chili Cook-off – at the JPII Campus*

*11:00 AM - 1:00 PM*

*2nd Annual Chili Cook Off & 1st Annual Dessert Bake Off*

*12:00 - 2:00 PM*

*Family fun: Hay Rides, Kids Games, Icees, & commemorative photo booth (sponsored by photo club). Hot Dogs, Chips, Sodas for kids.*

## **FOUNDERS WEEKEND FORMS UPLOAD**

Attached to today's newsletter and posted on the web are the following forms:

*Homecoming Mum Order Form*

*Chili Cook-off Entry*

*Bake-off Entry*

## **COLLEGE FAIRS!**

**Thursday, 27 October, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Mary's University (Greehey Arena).**

## **JOHN PAUL II CLASS RINGS**

***Thursday, October 27, 2011 from 10:30-11:00 a.m. in the school cafeteria.***

Matt Grochett from Herff Jones will be here to present the Class of 2013 with the available choices for class rings. He will also be discussing a payment plan at this time. If your schedule permits, all parents are welcome...

• On November 3rd Matt will return to take orders, and size the students who choose to purchase a ring.

In Spring 2012, there will be a ring ceremony and blessing at a Mass. This date has not been set, but will be an evening event to allow families and friends to attend. This will become a JPII tradition.

## **PRO-LIFE UPDATE**

**40-Days for Life:** It's that time of year again! This month is the month of Mary and in honor of her "yes" to God's call, pro-lifers from all over the world gather for one-hour time intervals in front of the local abortion clinics to pray and to be witnesses to those less educated about life matters.

**Our JPII Pro-life Club is working on a trip to the Babcock Road Planned Parenthood Clinic on Saturday, 5 November 2011. More details will follow once the details are finalized.**